

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Ensuring a free and open media is critical to the preservation of democracy and freedom. Our founding fathers knew this and thus created the FIRST AMENDMENT, but free speech must mean more than just the individual's right to speak individually. It must also mean an individual's right to HEAR speech --- that is what this proposal jeopardizes, and with it our democratic process. Whatever the gain for some corporations, or individuals, it can hardly be worth the risk to our freedom as a nation.